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Sir :

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § § 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents which were of record in the parent Application No. 09/158,791:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 4,728,332 to ALBREKTSSON issued on March 1988;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,282,868 to BAHLER issued on February 1994;
- (3) EP 0634156 issued on January 1995;
- (4) GB 2061730 issued on May 1981;
- (5) FR 2707871 issued on January 1995;
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 5,951,603 to O'NEIL et al issued on October 1999;
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 5,658,342 to DRAGANICH et al issued on August 1997;
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 4,950,297 to ELLOY et al issued on August 1990;

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- (9) U.S. Patent No. 5,344,460 to TURANYI et al issued on September 1994;
- (10) U.S. Patent No. 4,714,474 to BROOKS et al issued on December 1987; and
- (11) U.S. Patent No. 5,683,468 to PAPPAS issued on November 1997.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d)(1), copies of the above-noted documents are not being enclosed herewith. However, a duly completed Form PTO-1449 is enclosed. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), this Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing of an Office action. Accordingly, no fees are required. However, should a fee be necessary for consideration of the papers filed herein, please charge any fees and refund excess payments to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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